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New Strategic Plan For Agriculture Submitted to Governor

Kentucky must continue and enhance its investment in agriculture production, infrastructure, marketing and education, according to the new agriculture strategic plan that was submitted to Governor Steve Beshear on January 25, 2008.

“A Pathway for Kentucky Agriculture and Its Rural Communities: 2007 to 2012 Strategic Plan” was unveiled in Lexington at the Kentucky Press Association’s annual convention. The plan was crafted in 2007 by representatives of 50 agriculture organizations, government agencies and universities.



Dr. Tony Brannon and Commissioner Richie Farmer hand over the Strategic Plan for Agriculture to Gov. Beshear

“I want to commend the agricultural leaders who came together to ask tough questions about their industry and its place in the 21st century,” Governor Beshear said. “The ideas they have developed in this strategic plan will be essential to achieve the long-term goals of our agriculture and rural communities.”

“I appreciate the hard work of the Task Force on the Future of Agriculture to create this strategic plan,” Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. “Kentucky agriculture has made great progress toward diversifying our farm economy and making agriculture more profitable. With this plan as a guide, we will be able to build on the gains we have made.”

“During the past year, I witnessed a core group of agricultural leaders who ... have provided a unified strategic plan and road map to guide Kentucky’s farm families to a brighter and more profitable tomorrow,” Task Force Chairman Tony Brannon wrote in a letter in the strategic plan.

The plan calls for continuing the investment of 50 percent of Kentucky’s share of tobacco settlement funds into agricultural diversification while also investing state General Fund dollars into Kentucky agriculture. Among the 30 goals listed in the Task Force report, a few of the major priorities include:

- Continuing to support the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Kentucky Proud marketing program;
- Upgrading the University of Kentucky Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center and Murray State University’s Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville;
- Addressing the shortage of large-animal veterinarians in Kentucky;
- Developing policies and infrastructure to support Kentucky’s biofuels industry; and Funding the proposed Kentucky Agriculture Heritage Center in Mercer County.

For a copy of the Strategic Plan, go to www.kyagcouncil.org.

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National Ag Day

March 20, 2008

It’s a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture.



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A Note From the Executive Director



It was a genuine honor for me to be asked by Governor Steve Beshear to assume the position of Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP). After thoughtful discussions with my family, I accepted Governor Beshear's offer with much anticipation. The opportunity I have to continue working on behalf of agriculture and rural Kentucky should not and will not be taken lightly.

This challenge will require not only my best efforts, but also the best efforts of my co-workers at GOAP. We will rely on the continued support and guidance from members of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB), the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, Governor Beshear, Commissioner Farmer and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), as well as the entire agriculture community. The 138 members of the Kentucky General Assembly also continue to be a vital link for diversification progress and making opportunities available for rural Kentucky. Governor Beshear and Commissioner Farmer have both stated that GOAP and KDA will work hand-in-hand which will provide a focused effort in achieving our goals. By working together we will continue to improve all sectors of agriculture and enhance rural Kentucky.

An example of all sectors of agriculture working together for a common goal is their effort in the development of the *Strategic Plan for Agriculture* led by the Kentucky Agricultural Council (KAC). On January 25, 2008, Governor Beshear accepted the Strategic Plan that was submitted to him knowing this plan was essential to achieve the long-term goals of our agriculture and rural communities.

Since March over 50 agriculture organizations have collectively been working on this strategic plan for rural Kentucky which will provide a benchmark for the cooperation we should strive to maintain between all agricultural organizations and leadership. The KAC and specifically Dr. Tony Brannon, should be commended for their efforts, hard work and dedication on this plan that will help prepare Kentucky agriculture for the future. We at GOAP look forward to the implementation of the initiatives included in this plan.

We have experienced many changes in agriculture and will continue to do so. With your help, we will seek new ideas and improvements and strive to adapt to the changing needs of rural Kentucky. Again, I am honored to be working on behalf of all of Kentucky agriculture and am excited for the opportunity that is before us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger Thomas", written in a cursive style.

Roger Thomas
Executive Director

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Update

Sam Lawson Receives Recognition

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board held their monthly meeting on February 15, 2008 at the National Farm Machinery Show. At this meeting, Sam Lawson, past KADB representative for the Chamber of Commerce, was honored with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding commitment and service as a founding member of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board 2001-2007. Richard Warner, of Somerset, follows Mr. Lawson as the Chamber of Commerce Representative.



From Left: Wayne Hunt, Beverly Lawson, Sam Lawson, Mark and Jean-Marie Weis, Sam Moore

KADB Supports Drought Relief

In September the KADB approved minor changes to County Model Programs making them more "drought friendly" to producers across the state. These changes were made to increase the model programs' effectiveness due to the extensive drought that blanketed the Commonwealth in 2007.

In September a program was also designed to assist in the promotion of county educational programs to benefit all producers during the drought.

At the KADB's February meeting the Board decided to enhance their existing support by committing up to \$11.7 million in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds to develop a drought relief program that will assist farmers who were adversely affected by the 2007 drought.

Throughout this development effort GOAP is working closely with Conservation, KDA, policy makers, and with the Cooperative Extension Service.

H. Barlow Appointed to Board for International Food & Agricultural Development

Cave City dairy farmer H. Barlow will head to Washington, D.C., for his first meeting on the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. Barlow was appointed to the spot by President Bush and will serve the remainder of an unexpired term until July 2009.

A lifetime dairy farmer and graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in animal science, Barlow has spent his life in Barren County.

"I think it's tremendous, not only for the dairy industry but for our state, to have H. appointed to this role," said Roger Thomas, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. "He has been a true leader in the dairy industry over the years."

Thomas, a Warren County dairy farmer himself, worked with Barlow on the Kentucky Dairy Development Council, of which Thomas was the executive director until January. Now Thomas oversees the state's Agricultural Development Board of which Barlow is a member.

Barlow said he was surprised and honored when he was invited to interview for Bush's appointment. Barlow said he expects the group will meet a minimum of three times a year and take some overseas trips to monitor how effective U.S. aid is working in under-developed countries. The group advises the Agency for International Development on agricultural priorities in foreign countries.

"They said I was nominated based on a

lifetime of production agriculture experience and marketing with specific interest in dairy," Barlow said.

"Dairy is a principle ingredient in U.S. aid.

In the past, it has been a board totally populated by university professors and most of their emphasis has been on research and development but they would like to shift the emphasis. Three new members are much more involved in production agriculture."

Barlow is married to the former Kathy Clifford of Bowling Green for 35 years, and they have four children.



Model Program Corner

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy is announcing the approval of Model Program Changes for 2008. These updated Model Programs allow the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board to continue to increase net farm income across the state, affecting tobacco farmers, tobacco-impacted communities and agriculture in the Commonwealth.



Below are the model programs that were affected and changes that were made:

- **Cattle Genetics Program** now offers a heifer component to this program therefore creating a new lifetime maximum of \$10,000 (\$5,000 for bull/ semen purchases and \$5,000 for heifer purchases).
- **Forage Improvement and Utilization Program** includes the construction costs or hook up costs to a county/city water system.
- **Hay, Straw, and Commodity Storage Program** added Hay Handling to the guidelines.
- **On-Farm Water Enhancement Program** has been changed from a 12 month contract to and 18 month contract and the program includes the construction costs or hook up costs to a county/city water system.
- **Technology Program** now offers cost-share on any type of broadband service and the Pilot Satellite Broadband Cost-share Program has been discontinued.
- **2008 Agri-tourism Marketing & Promotion Program and the Farmers' Market Competitive Award Program** will continue and the deadlines for applications have been removed.
- **General Guideline Change:** A cap of 5% has been placed on the amount of money an administrator may change for operating a County Model Program. The On-Farm Water Enhancement Program has been given a 10% cap due to the additional cost associated with the technical service provided in this program.

For a more detailed summary of the guideline changes visit our webpage <http://agpolicy.ky.gov>.



Model Programs (2001-2008)

Agricultural Diversification

Est. September 2001

\$12,430,516 / 98 Counties

Cattle Genetics

Est. February 2001

\$13,185,021 / 104 Counties

Cattle Handling

Est. June 2001

\$20,692,534 / 102 Counties

Commercial Poultry

Est. December 2006

\$264,812 / 4 Counties

Dairy Diversification

Est. January 2005

\$1,566,780 / 29 Counties

Fencing Improvement

Est. March 2003

\$10,349,776 / 67 Counties

Forage Improvement

Est. March 2001

\$23,559,521 / 104 Counties

Goat & Sheep

Est. August 2001

\$3,644,918 / 90 Counties

Hay, Straw & Commodity

Est. November 2002

\$21,023,999 / 100 Counties

On-Farm Water

Est. March 2003

\$1,545,525 / 23 Counties

Shared-Use

Est. January 2005

\$986,346 / 47 Counties

Pilot Farm Management

Est. January 2007

\$8,550 / 2 Counties

Swine

Est. January 2005

\$121,041 / 8 Counties

Technology Program

Est. January 2005

\$1,052,291 / 28 Counties

Timber

Est. January 2005

\$129,445 / 7 Counties

Menu Programs

Est. May 2005

\$11,511,489 / 42 Counties

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Updates

Guideline Changes to KAFC Programs

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy is announcing changes to two programs administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC). On February 1, 2008 the KAFC Board met and approved policy updates to the Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program and the Beginning Farmer Loan Program. These changes will expand the current programs by reaching more potential applicants.

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation made the following policy updates:

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program

The maximum KAFC participation has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 or 50% of total project costs.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program

A borrower's outstanding balance limit has been raised from \$100,000 to no more than \$250,000. The maximum term has been increased to 15 years, but may be less than 15 for certain loans where applicable.

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation was created in statute in 1984. In 2002, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, as part of the Long-term Plan for Agricultural Development, recommended that KAFC be restructured to provide capital access for agricultural diversification and infrastructure projects. KAFC was moved to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in 2004. To date, KAFC has approved more than 188 projects and committed over \$20 million.

For a more information on the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Programs contact Bill McCloskey, Director of Financial Services, at (502) 564-4627 or visit the KAFC webpage at <http://kafc.ky.gov>.



Recipients of Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program Recognized by KFB

Bart and Sarah Jones, owner of Red Hill Farms in rural Allen County, recently earned third place honors in the Kentucky Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farm Family Competition. A native of Bowling Green, Bart 33 moved onto his family farm in 1996 after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Animal Science. Sarah, who grew up on a dairy farm in Monroe County, is a Certified Public Accountant and helps with records and financial reporting.

Since returning to the family farm, Red Hill Farms has grown from an operation of 30 sows to a more diversified business in which Bart and Sarah raise 150 purebred sows, approximately 200 Red Angus and Simmental cows and

100 acres of tobacco. The decision to diversify the operation with tobacco production was made in 1998 when the hog market was at its lowest point in several years. Bart planted six acres of burley tobacco, had a successful crop and has not looked back since. Recent new additions to Red Hill Farms have included a new barn for housing tobacco with financing provided by Farm Credit Services – Bowling Green and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

According to Bart, "You have to go big or get out." Bart credits his expansion efforts over the last 10 years to "good management, good workers and good bankers."

What's New at GOAP?

GOAP Welcomes New Executive Director

Roger Thomas, joined the GOAP staff as Executive Director on January 7, 2008.

Most recently, Thomas served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council. He served as a state representative for the 21st district in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1996-2004. During his entire tenure he served on the Agriculture and Small Business Committee, serving as Chairman from 2000-2004.

Thomas also served as co-founder and co-chair of the National Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit from 2002-2004 and remains on the Executive Committee. Furthermore, he chaired the Agriculture and International

Trade Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; chaired the Southern States Bio-Based Energy Alliance and the Council on State Government Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; co-chaired the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee; served on the Tobacco Task Force, the Kentucky Aquaculture Task Force and the council of State Government Agriculture Policy Task Force.

“Roger’s extensive experience will allow him to serve the Commonwealth’s agriculture community well by administering the Agriculture Development Fund and serving the needs of the Ag-



riculture Development Board,” said Governor Beshear. “His experience will also benefit rural areas of the state as he works to diversify Kentucky’s agriculture economy.”

Thomas lives in Smiths Grove with his wife of 37 years, Doris. They have three grown children.



GOAP Welcomes New Appointments



Dr. Jennifer McGehee Marsh was appointed as General Counsel for GOAP. Jennifer received a BA in Biology, a PhD in Environmental Toxicology, and a Juris Doctorate

from the University of Louisville. Previously she served as General Counsel for the Kentucky State Senate; Chief Science Advisor and Assistant VP of Academic Affairs for the Council on Postsecondary Education; and Administrator and Associate Director of Research and Development for the University of Louisville’s Brown Cancer Center. Jennifer’s farming experience includes raising cattle, tobacco, and shrimp in Montgomery County. She now lives in Louisville with her husband David.

Cyndi Hall was appointed as Executive Assistant for GOAP. She will be assisting the Executive Director, General Counsel, Director of Communications and Director of Operations. Cyndi received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Home Economics, with a minor in Education from Valparaiso University and was previously an administrative assistant for GOAP.



Bret Hopkins was appointed as a Staff Assistant for GOAP. He will be assisting in GOAP’s compliance efforts as well as providing staff support to other office areas. Bret graduated from Eastern Kentucky

University this past year with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. In 2005 he was a Legislative Intern for Rep. Jimmy Lee. Brett currently lives in Frankfort.

In the past three months \$11,324,211 in Agricultural Development Funds were invested in projects to help with Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort.

The following are projects, receiving Agricultural Development Funds in 2007 for June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and January 2008. These projects represent over 3,000 projects that have been approved since the program's inception (2001).

June

Anderson County Farm Bureau

Anderson County Farm Bureau was approved for \$142,811 in Anderson County funds to administer a menu approach for eleven model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Swine Diversification; Timber Production & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; and Forage Improvement.

Casey County Farm Bureau

Casey County Farm Bureau was approved for \$350,000 in Casey County funds to administer a menu approach for eleven model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Swine Diversification; Timber Production & Utilization; Goat & Sheep Diversification; and Technology.



Cumberland County Board of Education

Cumberland County Board of Education was approved for \$60,000 in Cumberland County funds for the construction and equipment cost of a greenhouse to be located at the High School.

Agricultural Development Fund Investments

Edmonson County Conservation District

Edmonson County Conservation District was approved for \$49,000 in Edmonson County funds to administer a menu approach for eight model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Commercial Poultry; and Forage Improvement.

Garrard County Farm Bureau

Garrard County Farm Bureau was approved for \$40,000 in Garrard County funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Swine Diversification; Goat & Sheep Diversification; and Technology.

Hardin County Extension District Board

The Hardin County Extension District Board was approved for \$10,000 in Hardin County funds to support the Hardin County Beef "Pasture to Plate" Project.

Hart County Cattlemen's Association

The Hart County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$150,000 in Hart County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Cattle Genetics; Cattle Handling; and Dairy Diversification.

Kentucky Agriculture Council

The Kentucky Agriculture Council was approved for \$25,000 in state funds to support the Task Force in developing the "Strategic Plan of Action for Agriculture."

Kentucky Minority Farmers

Kentucky Minority Farmers was approved for \$1,850 in Meade County funds to purchase a livestock trailer.

Kentucky Poultry Federation

The Kentucky Poultry Federation was approved for \$825,716 in state funds for Statewide Educational Programming and a Poultry House Evaluation Project.



Mason County Livestock Improvement Association

Mason County Livestock Improvement Association was approved for \$150,000 in Mason County funds to administer a menu approach for five model programs including: Farm Livestock Fencing; Cattle Handling; Cattle Genetics; Dairy Diversification; and Agricultural Diversification.

Mason County Livestock Improvement Association

Mason County Livestock Improvement Association was approved for \$118,000 in Mason County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water; and Forage Improvement.

Monroe County Conservation District

The Monroe County Conservation District was approved for \$190,788 in Monroe County funds to administer a menu approach for seven model programs including: Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; On-Farm Water Enhancement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; and Forage Improvement.

Morgan County Fiscal Court

The Morgan County Fiscal Court was approved for \$250,000 in Morgan County funds to administer a menu approach for five model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing; Forage Improvement; and Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage.

Russell County Cattlemen's Association

The Russell County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$125,000 in Russell County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Dairy Diversification; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; and Cattle Genetics.

Trunnell's Farm Market

Trunnell's Farm Market was approved for \$62,240 in state funds, \$1,313 in McLean County funds, and \$11,000 in Daviess County funds to construct a farm retail operation.

Wayne County Agriculture Development Council

The Wayne County Agriculture Development Council was approved for \$150,000 in Wayne County funds to administer a menu approach for ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Swine Diversification; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Technology; and Forage Improvement.

July

Buffalo Trace Development District

Buffalo Trace Development District was approved for \$240,000 in Bracken County funds to administer a menu approach for seven model programs including: Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Swine Diversification; and Technology.

Buffalo Trace Development District

Buffalo Trace Development District was approved for \$375,000 in Fleming County funds to administer a menu approach for seven model programs including: Dairy

Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Forage Resource Improvement; and Technology.

Bullitt County Extension District Board

Bullitt County Extension District Board was approved for \$15,000 in Bullitt County funds to construct a livestock show arena.

Campbell County Conservation District

Campbell County Conservation District was approved for \$35,430 in Campbell County funds to administer a menu approach for eight model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Goat & Sheep Diversification; On-Farm Water; Farm Livestock Fencing; and Forage Improvement.

Edmonson County Cattleman's Association

Edmonson County Cattleman's Association was approved for \$49,000 in Edmonson County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; and Goat & Sheep Diversification.

Franklin County Cattleman's Association

The Franklin County Cattleman's Association was approved for \$128,000 in Franklin County funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Agricultural Diversification and Technology.

Garrard County Fair Board

The Garrard County Fair Board was approved for \$36,200 in Garrard County funds to construct a Livestock Sale and Exhibition Barn to be located at the Garrard County Fairgrounds.

Green County Cattlemen's Association

The Green County Cattlemen's Associa-

tion was approved for \$265,000 in Green County funds to administer a menu approach for ten model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Goat & Sheep Diversification; On-Farm Water; Farm Livestock Fencing; Dairy Diversification; Forage Improvement and Technology.

Hart County Extension District Board

The Hart County Extension District Board was approved for \$50,000 in Hart County funds to construct a building to serve as a facility that will provide independent producers with critical information and assistance to develop value-added agricultural enterprises.

John's Custom Meats, LLC

John's Custom Meats, LLC was approved for \$15,000 in Warren County Agricultural Development Funds to complete construction on John's Custom Meats USDA inspected facility.

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association

The Jackson County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$22,000 in Jackson County funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including: Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; On-Farm Water; Farm Livestock Fencing; and Forage Improvement.

Kentucky Beef Network, LLC

The Kentucky Beef Network, LLC was approved for \$2,474,744 in state funds to continue current programs that increase producer profitability through education, on-farm management and marketing.

Magoffin County Cattle Association

The Magoffin County Cattle Association was approved for \$27,500 in Magoffin County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities, Cattle Genetics and Swine Diversification.

Oldham County Farm Bureau

The Oldham County Farm Bureau was approved for \$53,296 in Oldham County funds to administer a menu approach for

eleven model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; Cattle Handling Facilities; Cattle Genetics; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Swine Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Dairy Diversification; Forage Improvement; Timber Production; and Technology.

Southeast Vintners, LLC

The Southeast Vintners, LLC was approved for \$5,000 in Fayette County funds to expand the current on-farm kitchen and dining facilities.

Sunderland Farm

The Sunderland Farm was approved for \$5,000 in Harrison County funds to expand their current wood processing business.

Voice, Video and Data Services

Voice, Video and Data Services was approved for \$20,000 in Owen County funds to administer a Rural Broadband Wireless Internet program for tobacco dependent farmers in Owen County.

Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc.

The Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc. was approved for \$105,000 in Washington County funds to administer a Beginning/Young Farmer Program.

Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council

The Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council was approved for \$50,000 in Woodford County funds to administer the Hay Handling Equipment Program for Woodford County.

August

Bluegrass Lamb & Goat, LLC

Bluegrass Lamb & Goat, LLC was approved for \$200,000 in state funds, \$5,000 in Garrard County funds, and \$5,000 in Owsley County funds to help with the purchase of an existing lamb and goat slaughter facility in Garrard County.

Buffalo Trace Area Development District

Buffalo Trace Area Development District was approved for \$150,000 in Mason County funds to administer a menu approach for five

model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Dairy Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing; Cattle Handling Facilities and Cattle Genetics.

Buffalo Trace Area Development District

Buffalo Trace Area Development District was approved for \$118,000 in Mason County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Forage Improvement; Hay/Straw & Commodity Storage; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

Butler County Stockman's Association

Butler County Stockman's Association was approved for \$68,344 in Butler County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities; Livestock Fencing; Technology; and Forage Improvement.

Caldwell County High School

Caldwell County High School was approved for \$4,000 in Caldwell County funds to administer an alternative fuels study on biodiesel production.

Campbell County Conservation District

The Campbell County Conservation District was approved for \$4,120 in Campbell County funds to administer a Forage Equipment Cost Share Program.

Honest Farm Inc.

Honest Farm, Inc. was approved for \$1,800 in state funds and \$1,000 in Franklin County funds to help create a specialty wholesale business to market local produce.

Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

The Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$45,669 in Ohio County funds to administer a menu approach for five model programs including: Cattle Genetics, Cattle Handling, Forage Improvement; Technology; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

Scott County Beef Improvement Association, Inc.

Scott County Beef Improvement Association, Inc. was approved for \$94,025 in Scott County funds to administer a second round of the hay handling program and the tenant program for agricultural equipment

developed in Scott County.

Southern KY Regional Farmer's Market, Inc.

The Southern KY Regional Farmer's Market, Inc. was approved for \$2,500 in Warren County funds for the 2007 marketing and promotion budget.

University of Louisville Research Foundation

The University of Louisville Research Foundation was approved for \$19,953 in KCADE funds to create a roadmap for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to follow that will lead to the realization of the national 25X25 vision and action plan.



September

Buffalo Trace Development District

Buffalo Trace Development District was approved for \$25,000 in Mason County funds to administer a Heifer Replacement Program.

Garrard County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Garrard County Farm Bureau was approved for \$8,000 in Garrard County funds to administer a program to assist Garrard County youth in the purchasing of livestock.

Greenup County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Greenup County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$52,500 in Greenup County funds to administer a Forage Equipment Cost-share Program.

Hart County Fair Association, Inc.

The Hart County Fair Association, Inc. was approved for \$50,000 in Hart County funds to construct an Agriculture Promotion Center at the Hart County Fairgrounds.

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$125,000 in Jackson County funds to administer a menu approach for two model programs including: Forage Improvement & Utilization and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$125,000 in Jackson County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service

The Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service was approved for \$16,000 in Mercer County funds to construct a shared-use equipment barn.

Mountain Cattlemen's Association

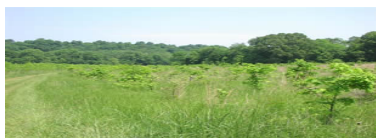
The Mountain Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$5,030 in Perry County funds to administer a menu approach for five model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Genetics Improvement; Goat & Sheep Diversification; Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; and Forage Improvement and Utilization.

Rockcastle County Conservation District

The Rockcastle County Conservation District was approved for \$20,000 in Rockcastle County funds to administer a menu approach for two model programs including: Agricultural Diversification and Dairy Diversification.

Wolfe County Conservation District

The Wolfe County Conservation District was approved for \$140,000 in Wolfe County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Cattle Handling Facilities; Goat & Sheep Diversification; and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.



October

Specialty Foods Group, Inc.

Specialty Food Group, Inc. was approved for 1,000,000 in state funds, \$1,000 in Jefferson County, \$1,000 in McLean County funds and \$1,000 Casey County funds to expand their Owensboro facility.



Daviess County Conservation District

Daviess County Conservation District was approved for \$25,000 in Daviess County funds to administer a cost-share program for youth in Daviess County.

Adair County Board of Education

Adair County Board of Education was approved for \$75,350 in Adair County funds to develop a five acre livestock facility including a barn and livestock handling equipment.

Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation

The Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation was approved for \$16,500 in state funds and \$16,500 in Calloway County funds as part of the 2007 Farmers' Market Competitive Awards Program to construct a farmers' market facility.

Let's Beautify La Center

The Let's Beautify La Center was approved for \$12,500 in Ballard County funds and \$12,500 in state funds as part of the 2007 Farmers' Market Competitive Awards Program to construct a farmers' market facility.

Bourbon County Fiscal Court

Bourbon County Fiscal Court was approved for \$38,000 in state funds, \$15,000 in Bourbon County funds, \$1,500 in Clark County funds, and \$2,500 in Fayette County funds as part of the 2007 Farmers' Market Competi-

tive Awards Program to renovate a permanent regional marketing facility.

November

Buffalo Trace Area Development District

Buffalo Trace Area Development District was approved for \$60,000 in Robertson County funds to administer a Forage Equipment Cost-share Program.

Buffalo Trace Area Development District

Buffalo Trace Area Development District was approved for \$15,000 in Robertson County funds to administer a Heifer Replacement Program.

City of Morgantown

The City of Morgantown was approved for \$15,000 in Butler County funds and \$40,000 in state funds as part of the 2007 Farmers' Market Competitive Awards Program.

Estill County Conservation District

The Estill County Conservation District was approved for \$60,000 in Estill County funds to administer a menu approach for two model programs including: Agricultural Diversification and Forage Resource Improvement & Utilization.

Estill County Cattlemen's Association

The Estill County Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$60,000 in Estill County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

J.D. Country Milk

J.D. Country Milk was approved for \$9,422 in Logan County funds and \$478,560 in state funds for construction and expansion of their processing facility.

Kentucky BioProcessing

Kentucky BioProcessing was approved for \$487,500 in state funds to purchase the technology known as GENEWARE®, a novel protein expression system.

Lyon County Conservation District

The Lyon County Conservation District was approved for \$47,000 in Lyon County funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Forage Improvement & Utilization, Goat & Sheep Diversification, Hay, Straw, & Commodity Storage, and On-Farm Water Enhancement.

Owen County Farm Bureau

Owen County Farm Bureau was approved for \$14,000 in Owen County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Cattle Handling Facilities, Forage Resource Improvement and Utilization, Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage and On-farm Water Enhancement.

The Center for Rural Development

The Center for Rural Development was approved for \$15,000 in state funds to host an intensive educational conference on woodland owner's issues and opportunities.

December

The Campbell Farm Wool Art Center

The Campbell Farm Wool Art Center was approved for \$49,000 in state funds and \$1,000 in Washington County funds to establish a wool arts center in Washington County.

Hardin County Regional Farmers' Market Foundation

The Hardin County Regional Farmers' Market Foundation was approved for up to \$50,000 in state funds and \$13,000 in Hardin County funds as part of the 2007 Farmers' Market Competitive Program.

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation was approved for \$210,000 in state funds for the continuation of computer training for tobacco farmers.



Murray State University Foundation

The Murray State University Foundation was approved for \$75,000 in state funds, \$4,000 in Calloway County funds, and \$1,000 in Carlisle County funds to construct an arboretum on Murray State's Pullen Farm Complex.

Menu Programs

Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association

The Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$143,200 in Montgomery County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement; Cattle Handling Facilities; and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

Montgomery County Conservation District

The Montgomery County Conservation District was approved for \$60,000 in Montgomery County funds to administer a menu approach for two model programs including: Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement and Forage Improvement & Utilization.

Menifee County Conservation District

The Menifee County Conservation District was approved for \$60,000 in Menifee County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Agricultural Diversification; Forage Improvement & Utilization; On-Farm Water Enhancement; and Timber Production, Utilization, & Marketing.

Powell County Livestock Producers Association

The Powell County Livestock Producers Association was approved for \$45,500 in Powell County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including: Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement; Forage Improvement & Utilization; and Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage.

January

Fayette County Rural Management Board

The Fayette County Rural Management Board was approved for \$100,000 in Fayette County funds to be used for the purchasing of conservation easements on rural farmland in Fayette County.

Mercer County Board of Education

The Mercer County Board of Education was approved for \$10,000 in Mercer County funds to assist with the Mercer County High School Agriculture Farm Improvement Project.

Mercer County Board of Education

The Mercer County Board of Education was approved for \$12,850 in Mercer County funds to construct and equip a greenhouse to be located at Mercer County High School

Spencer County Board of Education

The Spencer County Board of Education was approved for 15,000 in Spencer County funds to construct and equip a food processing lab at the Spencer County High School in the Agriculture Department.

DEADLINES

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so the deadlines are below.

Model Program Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

Non-Model Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the first Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

Model and Non-model Amendments

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

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